

Home Going Services
For
ARTHUR L. HOOPER



SATURDAY, JANUARY 10, 1998
12:00 Noon

Mount Zion Baptist Church
 208 Broadway
 Newark, New Jersey

REV. DR. GRANVILLE A. SEWARD, *Officiating*

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 ORDER OF SERVICE
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 THE OBITUARY
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 ARTHUR L. HOOPER
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Dear Dad,

This year I had to write a paper on a famous person, and I wrote about you. My paper was put on the hall wall at school for people to read. I was very proud.

Thank you for taking me to school, picking me up, and stopping by Nesto's for ice cream. You are a very good Dad, you are my Hero!

Your Son,

Arthur Edward Hooper



Written in June of 1997

Sunrise
January 5, 1933



Sunset
January 6, 1998



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Obituary

A Life's Reflections

A Journey Begins...

Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and lean on me: for I am meek and lowly in heart; and ye shall find rest unto your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light. - Matthew 11:28-30

A Time To Be Born...

Mr. Arthur L. Hooper, was born on January 5, 1933 in Florence, South Carolina to Manchester and Willie Belle Hooper.

A Time To Grow...

Arthur, affectionately known as "Hoop" attended the Newark public schools graduating from Miller Street School, Webster Junior High School and Central High School. From 1948-1951 he enjoyed an outstanding football career. During the years of 1949-1950, Arthur was named to the All City Football Team by the *Newark Star Ledger* and the *Newark Evening News* as well as the All County Second team. While in high school, he played basketball at which time Central was City Champs during the years of 1949 and 1950. In 1949-50, he was named to the basketball All City Second team by both Newark papers being voted that year as the best defensive player in Essex County.



In 1953, Arthur went into the U.S. Army until honorably being discharged in 1955 having served with the 82nd Airborne at Fort Bragg, NC. At that time, he was with the Special Force which today is referred to as the Green Berets. Upon separation from the service "Hoop" returned to Newark working as a mason for a construction company to save money for his college education.

In 1957, he entered Winston Salem State University on a four year football scholarship receiving a BS degree in 1961 while being selected as the first student to do his student teaching in Newark out of the state of North Carolina. He was assigned as teacher to South Street School that same year. From 1964-1969, he served as football coach at South Side High School guiding and directing. "Hoop" received his Masters Degree in Supervision and Administration from Seton Hall University and was assigned as Vice Principal at 13th Ave. School - grades 6-8th. In 1982, he was sent to Alexander Street School as principal (until his retirement in June 1997), he initiated the Ready Program, Project 2000, and persuaded Prudential Insurance Co. to give the school a grant of \$9,000.00 for student education enrichment. As owner of Hoop's Place in Newark, for thirty-eight years, he was actively involved in community programs. His professional affiliations included Casa, Newark Teachers Union and President of Winston Salem State University - Newark Alumni Chapter.

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A Time To Love...

In 1979, Arthur was joined in holy matrimony to Mary Minnicks and to this union they have one son, Arthur Edward.

A Time To Worship...

Arthur was baptized at Mount Zion Baptist Church on Thomas Street at a very early age. He was active in youth sports at Mount Zion on Broadway in later years.

A Time To Die...

On January 6, 1998 God called Arthur from labour into reward.

A Time To Mourn...

Sorrowfully he leaves Mary his wife; his son Arthur Edward; his mother Willie Belle Hooper, the matriach of the family; one brother Franklin Edgar; one sister Dr. Theresa Marshall; four sisters-in-law Arlene Edith Minnicks, Blanche Hooper, Lois Hooper and Katherine Hooper; four brothers-in-law Thomas, Matthew, Sterling and Clinton. A host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

*And I said, oh that I had wings like a dove!
For then would I fly away and be at rest.*

Psalms 55:6

Order of Service

ORGAN PRELUDE Janesia Mosely

PROCESSIONAL (softly playing "Precious Lord")

INVOCATION Rev. Dr. Granville A. Seward

HYMN "Come Ye Disconsolate" - Hymn #228

SCRIPTURE READING

Old Testament Rabbi Korbon

New Testament Deaconess Janet Patterson

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

SONG OF COMFORT Connie Motley Wright

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS/OBITUARY Pat Bradford

REFLECTIONS Mayor Sharpe James

Council President Donald Bradley

Past Superintendent Eugene Campbell

Family - Deacon Valerie Hooper-Williams

SONG OF HOPE Bert Barry

POEM BY CHILDREN OF ALEXANDER ST. SCHOOL

EULOGY Rev. Dr. Granville A. Seward

ORGAN POSTLUDE "It Is Well With My Soul"

Janesia Mosely

RECESSIONAL

INTERMENT

Glendale Cemetery, Bloomfield N.J.

REPAST

Repast will be held in the Fellowship Hall following the interment.

For safety reasons, drivers please keep car headlights on while traveling in the procession to the cemetery.

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For Those Who Loved Me

When I am gone release me, let me go
I have so many things to see and do.
You mustn't tie yourself to me with tears.
Be happy that we had so many years.

I gave you my love, you can only guess
How much you gave me in happiness
I thank you for the love you each have shown
But now it's time I traveled on alone.

So grieve a while for me, if you must
Then let your grief be comforted by trust
So bless the memories within your heart,
It's only for a while that we must part.

I won't be far away, for life goes on.
So if you need me, call and I will come.
Though you can't see or touch me, I'll be near,
And if you listen with your heart,
You'll hear all my love around you
Soft and clear and then,
When you must come this way alone
I'll greet you with a smile and welcome home.



Acknowledgments

Our hearts are bowed in sorrow over the passing of our loved one.
Yet during these times you have lifted many of our burdens for which
we are eternally grateful.

Your kind expression of sympathy and all other acts of kindness
shown during our many hours of bereavement shall never be forgot-
ten. From the depths of our hearts, we say "thanks to each of you".

THE FAMILY

SPECIAL THANKS TO THE AIRBORNE 555 ASSOCIATION.

Entrusted to:
James E. Churchman, Jr. Funeral Home
345 13th Avenue at So. 7th Street
Newark, New Jersey

